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1985 GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM

The Graduate Studies Program of the Central Intelligence Agency began as the Summer Intern Program in 1966 to attract bright graduate students to the Agency. Initially, the program focused on Chinese area and language studies, but it has gradually expanded to include students of other geographical areas and languages and academic disciplines such as political science, international affairs, area studies, economics, engineering, geography, cartography, law, psychology, medicine and other sciences. A majority of those selected for the program have completed one or more years of graduate study.

Over the years, the Graduate Studies Program has proved mutually beneficial from both a short and long-range point of view. Graduate Fellows benefit in that they have an opportunity to participate in the substantive work of the Agency and to become acquainted with professional foreign intelligence analysts. The results of their research projects are most often of high quality, and some are published and disseminated throughout the Intelligence Community. At the same time, the Agency benefits in that it is able to assess the analytical ability and the potential of the Graduate Fellows for permanent employment. Approximately twenty-five percent of the participants return to staff employment upon completion of their studies.

To be eligible for the program a student must be committed to attend graduate school during the fall following the summer of internship, be a citizen of the United States, and must undergo a complete background investigation and polygraph. Students interested in applying for the program should send a letter and resume to the Agency in early fall, but no later than 18 November 1984. The letter should outline the student's planned course of graduate study and should request a copy of the Agency's official application which must be returned to the Coordinator of the program no later than 1 December 1984.

For additional information, contact the Coordinator for Student Programs, Department S, Rm. 4N20C, P.O. Box 1925, Washington, D.C. 20013.

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